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A COMMITMENT TO MAXIMISING EVERY CENTIMETRE
SET THIS KITCHEN UP AS A HARD-WORKING SPACE THAT
LOOKS AND FEELS SIMPLY EFFORTLESS.

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The owner of this Melbourne kitchen might not be a certified master chef (yet), but they are a keen cook and regular entertainer, so facilitating these activities was front of mind for interior designer Mikayla Rose, principal of Heartly. "The plan was to make the kitchen highly functional without dominating the open-plan space, which would be a gathering point in the home," she says. Here, the black laminate joinery, black tapware and black stools – striking elements in their own right – function as a frame for the intriguing curved splashback wall and the island bench, which is topped in cloud-like Bellaseta marble. A generous pantry is tucked in behind the curved wall for extra storage and prep space.

Heartly; heartly.com.au.

KITCHEN design notes

JOINERY Absolute Black Matte laminate, Laminex.

TILES Brickette wall tiles, Urban Edge.

BENCHTOPS Bellaseta marble, G-Lux (island). Dekton Sirius (rear).

TAP HydroTap G5 Celsius All-in-One Arc tap, Zip.

LIGHTING Dusk Down Up wall light, Est Lighting. Pendant light, LAAL.

FLOORING Engineered timber in Special Cashmere, First Element.